

of the African American Art & Culture Complex in the Western Addition for over a decade, transforming the struggling center into a vital, financially-stable community resource that provides vital after-school arts and cultural programs for youth and seniors. She has also served our city as a San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commissioner for five years, and as a San Francisco Fire Commissioner until her election to the Board of Supervisors.

The Mayor has been a transformative leader in passing landmark legislation to increase housing along transit corridors and prioritize neighborhood residents for the affordable homes in their community. She helped transform unused public housing units into homes for homeless families, and is leading the effort to revitalize thousands more. Breed has successfully fought for more navigation centers for the homeless and launched a task force to study if safe injection facilities can help get IV drug users off the streets and into treatment, as she works to improve mental health services.

Mayor Breed has made bold, life-saving improvements to public safety in San Francisco, effectively tackling the City's ambulance response crisis in 2014 and cutting ambulance response times by over 26 percent. She has fought for more police officers, and passed a complete overhaul of the City's graffiti policies, as well as first-in-the-country legislation to protect music and nightlife venues.

Her ground-breaking legislative accomplishments are many, including passing the strongest Styrofoam ban in the country and legislation that has kept over 40 tons of medical waste out of the Bay and landfills, spearheading San Francisco's clean electrical energy program CleanPowerSF, and passing legislation to replace hundreds of Muni buses and the entire fleet of Muni trains, creating a more reliable and quiet Muni. She has consistently advocated for safe streets for all users, whether on the bus, a bike, car, or on foot.

Mayor Breed has fully dedicated her entire adult life to serving our community and improving the City's housing, environment, public safety, transportation, and quality of life. As Mayor, she will ensure that San Francisco maintains its steadfast dedication to equality, inclusivity, and justice.

We extend our warm congratulations and look forward to working with Mayor London Breed for a better future for all.

RECOGNIZING STEVE FETVEIT

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Steve Fetveit, an award-winning broadcaster who served for decades as a trusted source for Montana news.

Steve retired as a television news anchor for NBC Montana last week, capping a distinguished 42-year broadcast career that took him throughout the state.

Steve was born and raised in Montana, graduated from Montana State University, and understands what is important to Montanans. Viewers recognized and appreciated his knowledge of our state, his easygoing personality, and his credibility.

The Greater Montana Foundation and the Montana Broadcasters Association recognized Steve as Montana's "Television On-Air Broadcaster of the Year" in 2006.

Steve has served the wider community of broadcast journalists, including as a board member and chairman of the Montana Broadcasters Association. His experience and professionalism are an example to the young broadcasters he mentors. He dedicates his time to up-and-coming journalists, promoting their careers and reinforcing the importance of the profession's ethics.

Dewey Bruce, president and CEO of the Montana Broadcasters Association, said, "Steve is a fantastic newsman, very fair, and has made valuable contributions to broadcasters and the state of the Montana. He is very deserving of recognition."

For his outstanding career as a broadcast journalist and his dedication to serving our Montana communities, I recognize Steve Fetveit for embodying the spirit of Montana.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DR. ASAHEL "ASH" E. HAYES

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the life and accomplishments of Dr. Asahel "Ash" E. Hayes, who passed away in California on July 10, 2018.

Ash dedicated 60 years of his abundant life to the fitness industry and inspired many others to develop a love and appreciation for exercise.

He was appointed to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports by presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan. Ash served as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Council on Exercise since its inception, and continued on the Board serving as emeritus historian.

For decades, Ash served in leadership roles on local boards and committees, including the U.S. Olympics Committee, the San Diego Unified School District, the IDEA Foundation, and at his alma mater, the University of California, Los Angeles.

His lifelong advocacy of physical fitness and health continued to be recognized throughout his life. In 2007, Ash was honored with the San Diego State Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Service Award. And in 2009, he received the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Lifetime Achievement Award. These accolades reflect Ash's strong dedication to the bettering of our community. He was a wise mentor, a supportive teacher, and most importantly, he instilled others with passion.

My deepest sympathies and prayers go to his wife Juanita and their family. While we mourn the loss of a great husband, father, mentor, and much more, we can find joy in the fact that Ash's legacy will continue to enrich the lives of generations to come.

NORTH KOREA ABUSES HUMAN RIGHTS

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the cause of the Korean people is essential—not just from a national security perspective but also from a moral obligation as Christians. It is the duty of the free to demand justice for those who suffer under tyranny.

For decades, the North Korean regime has silenced its people and subjected thousands to the most brutal conditions on Earth. The horrific repression of the Kim family is no secret, but lately the focus has been dominated by the nuclear threat.

This is a crucial challenge which we must address. But it must not come at the cost of the Korean people. What would we say to God if we turned our backs on them? That we would have liked to help but we were too worried about our own well-being? This would be unacceptable.

We must not shut the door on their hopes for freedom so that we can live in peace. History has taught us that no man, woman, or child is safe so long as tyrants are able to rule. North Korea is only the most recent example of this enduring lesson.

The Kim regime has ruled the hermit kingdom for three generations, and throughout that time it has crushed all the liberties and human rights of the North Korean people to preserve its power. With unrivaled power over the North, the regime has turned its cruelty towards the outside world. By building nuclear weapons, the regime can hold all of humanity hostage.

Kim Jong Un is hoping through nuclear blackmail, he can force other nations into accepting his rule and his demands. Addressing the nuclear threat cannot be separate from ensuring human rights for all Koreans. The regime must be held to account for its abuses, despite the dangers.

We must not be naïve in talks with this evil regime. Many past presidents wanted to believe we could reason with them. But the Kims achieved their power through violence and oppression. Absolute control is what they are accustomed to, so negotiating a mutual peace with the world achieves little for them.

For the regime, peace is only acceptable when we remove sanctions, normalize relations, and accept the unfettered imprisonment of the Korean people. But we cannot accept this. We will not be bullied or bargain away the future of Korea's children.

They are entitled to the same freedom and respect which our children enjoy. As we move forward in pursuing denuclearization on the Korean peninsula, we must also advocate for the rights of the Korean people.

For our freedom from fear is inevitably linked to the freedom of the Korean people. Democracies and free societies do not act like this regime—and certainly do not threaten other people's children to achieve their own goals. That is what terrorists do.

We must also keep in mind the broader implications of a deal with the regime. If we reward the Kim dynasty for their development of nuclear arms, we will be setting a precedent for all dictators around the world.

They will see that threatening the lives of millions with nuclear weapons brings rewards and acceptance by the international community. If a deal must be made, it must require safeguards and direct humanitarian assistance for the Korean people.

Kim Jong Un cannot be permitted to use our gestures of good will as a weapon against his people. One day the Korean people will be united in freedom and security. We have it in our power to work towards that goal.

The first step requires us not rewarding the regime's threats. And that's just the way it is.

**SAM FARR AND NICK CASTLE
PEACE CORPS REFORM ACT OF
2018**

SPEECH OF

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, about 15 years ago, I walked into a community in the Dominican Republic with a loose grasp of the Spanish language and little idea about the history or culture of those I would be living with for the next two years.

For months, I worked hand in hand with that community to build sustainable ecotourism that continues to grow today.

Wrestling with the existing industry there was hard.

Battling with entrenched government interests was hard.

But the hardest part, the one that took months to achieve, was earning the trust of those people. People who to this day I'm proud to call some of my closest friends.

And that is what the Peace Corps is all about.

Men and women, young and old, walking into foreign lands and remote neighborhoods offering their own helping hand on behalf of this nation.

Diplomats of democracy and decency embedded in the farthest corners of our globe.

Volunteers exporting our values and our ideals in search of a kinder, fairer world.

American might can be found on battlefields and military bases, yes, but it can also be found in the college graduate teaching in a small village in India or the recent retiree teaching a stranger in Belize how to build a business.

Enactment of this bill will allow current and future Peace Corps Volunteers to carry out their important duty while improving their access to care and ensuring their safety and security abroad.

Before they even step foot on a plane, Volunteers will be made fully informed of the risks they face in the country in which they have been invited to serve.

And once the jetlag has worn off and they've written their first letter home, we will guarantee that these Volunteers will have access to well-qualified medical officers and support staff at overseas Peace Corps posts.

In addition, this bill promises to take a number of steps to address and combat instances of sexual assault by reauthorizing the Sexual Assault Advisory Council through 2023 and requiring the Peace Corps to provide information to host families regarding sexual assault prevention and awareness.

And because we recognize that tragedies can occur and this service is not without risks, for any Volunteer who returns home with a service-connected disability, this legislation will help minimize bureaucratic delay and work to ensure that they receive the medical care they deserve without delay.

Through their selfless and tireless work, Peace Corps Volunteers leave lasting, positive impressions in countries all across the world that can endure generations.

With the bipartisan passage of this bill, we are one step closer to protecting our Volunteers currently serving around the world and ensuring the Peace Corps' influence reaches new heights. I thank Congressman POE for his advocacy and his staff for helping advance this important piece of legislation.

Before concluding, I would like to offer one point of clarification.

Under Section 102 of this bill, if the Director of Peace Corps determines that the injury or illness is probably related to their service outside of the U.S., a former Peace Corps Volunteer will be able to access health care for such condition for 120 days. During this 120 period, the Department of Labor will provide a written authorization for physician or medical facility to provide medical treatment or examination to a former Peace Corps Volunteer. This authorization is referred to as a "voucher" under this legislation, and is the mechanism by which the Peace Corps Volunteer secures medical services from a medical provider when they seek medical services. For purposes of clarification, this voucher will be similar to Form CA-16 issued by the U.S. Department of Labor provides medical coverage for a 60 day period. Under FECA, a federal employee injured while in the performance of duty has the initial right to select a physician of his/her choice to provide necessary treatment. These medical expenses will be paid out of the Employees' Compensation Fund established under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during roll call votes No. 314–321. Had I been present, I would have voted "Yea" on H.R. 5793 the Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Act, "Yea" on H.R. 5749, Options Markets Stability Act, "Nay" on ordering the previous question on H. Res. 965, "Nay" on H. Res. 965, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 200) Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act, "Nay" on H. Res. 985, "Nay" on H. Res. 985, Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 50) Unfunded Mandates Information and Transparency Act and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3281) Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act, "Yea" on the Motion to Recommit H.R. 200, and "Nay" on H.R. 200, Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4,

1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 17

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018".

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress.

SH-216

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the Department of the Interior's final list of critical minerals for 2018 and opportunities to strengthen the United States' mineral security.

SD-366

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine reducing health care costs, focusing on eliminating excess health care spending and improving quality and value for patients.

SD-430

11 a.m.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Russia's occupation of Georgia and the erosion of the international order.

SD-124

JULY 18

9:30 a.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine supporting economic stability and self-sufficiency as Americans with disabilities and their families age.

SD-562

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine sharks.

SR-253

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Administration's government reorganization proposal.

SD-342